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Applicants: Rao S. Bezwada et al.

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For : Method of Preventing Adhesions with Asorbable
Polyoxaesters

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 53(f) and Rule 54, please find enclosed a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for the application of Rao S. Bezwada et al. entitled Method of Preventing Adhesions with Absorbable Polyoxaesters attorney Docket No.ETH-1387, to complete, pursuant to Rule 51, this application filed on August 17, 1999 by Express Mail pursuant to Rule 10. As required, a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is also attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Method of Preventing Adhesions with Absorbable Polyoxaesters, the specification of which

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was filed on August 17, 1999 as

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith as well as to file equivalent patent applications in countries foreign to the United States including the filing of international patent applications in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty: Audley A. Ciamporcero, Jr. (Reg. #26,051), Steven P. Berman (Reg. #24,772), Andrea L. Colby (Reg. #30,194), Michael Stark (Reg. #32,495), Matthew S. Goodwin (Reg. #32,839 and Hal Brent Woodrow (Reg. #32,501) One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08933.

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U.S. Route #22City: Somerville
State: NJ Zip: 08876

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A S S I G N M E N T

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WHEREAS, Rao S. Bezwada and Dennis D. Jamiolkowski, residing at 1 Nevius Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889 and 20 Fawnridge Drive, Long Valley, NJ 07853 respectively (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

Method of Preventing Adhesions with Absorbable Polyoxaesters for which they have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon, Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to them moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee their entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors further covenant and agree that they will, whenever requested, but without cost to them promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 19th day of August, 1999

Rao S. Bezwada _____ (L.S.)
Rao S. Bezwada

STATE OF New Jersey)

) ss.

COUNTY OF Somerset)

ROBERT J. TANNHAUSER
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Oct 18, 1999

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 19th day of August, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Rao S. Bezwada, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expresse*d*.

Robert J. Tannhauser
Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 19th day of August, 1999

Dennis D. Jamiolkowski (L.S.)
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